

REMARKS

By this amendment, Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 1-16 remain pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 10 being the independent claims. Claims 1-8, 10-13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Takada (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,477).

Applicants appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 9 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 has been amended to recite, in part, a controller for resizing the entry field to be suitable for the input data's size whenever input data is input to the generated entry field. Claim 10 has been amended to recite, in part, when the entry of the data into the virtual cell is completed, resizing the entry field to be suitable for the entry of the data's size.

Takada describes an input and display apparatus with an editing device for changing stroke data. In Takada, an input side is divided where stroke data is displayed. In contrast, in the present invention, generates an entry field, displays input data inside the generated entry field, and newly sets an entry field's size to be suitable for the input data's size. More particularly, in the present invention, an entry field generating portion generates at least one entry field, whereas, in Takada, an input side where stroke data is displayed, is divided into several sides. Takada nowhere suggests adjusting the entry field's size when inputting the input data to the entry field drawn by the user. According to Takada, when all the input data has not been input to the entry field, the entry field's size is not changed as much as the input data's size.

Takada fails to teach or reasonably suggest a pen input device including a touch screen panel for receiving a pen input from a user and displaying input data corresponding to the received pen input; an entry field generating portion for generating at least one entry field based on a boundary line of an entry frame drawn by the user; a controller for resizing the entry field to be suitable for the input data's size whenever input data is input to the generated entry field; and a memory unit for storing recognition information related to the entry field and the input data, as recited in Claim 1. Takada also fails to teach or reasonably suggest a pen input method including (a) displaying an entry frame drawn by a user through a pen input on a touch screen panel; (b) detecting a boundary line of the entry frame, setting an entry field based on the detected boundary line, and generating a virtual cell corresponding to the entry field for entering data; (c) modifying the virtual cell's size in real time in response to entry of data into the virtual cell; and (d) when the entry of the data into the virtual cell is completed, resizing the entry field to be suitable for the entry of the data's size, as recited in Claim 10.

Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 10 are allowable over Takada.

While not conceding the patentability of the dependent claims, *per se*, Claims 2-8, 11-13, 15 and 16 are also allowable for at least the above reasons.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-16, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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